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SUBJ: GOMR REQUESTS INFORMATION ON MERCHANT MARINE TRAINING

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GOMR HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON MERCHANT MARINE OFFICER TRAINING IN U. S. ACTION REQUESTED: DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE FROM ACCREDITED MERCHANT MARINE TRAINING SCHOOLS AND INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND/ OR FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAMS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED BRIEF DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATING GOMR CONSIDERING MERCHANT MARINE TRAINING FOR MALAGASY IN U. S. NOTE REQUESTS INFORMATION ON THIS TYPE OF TRAINING IN U. S. AND ON SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS, POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT BE RESERVED FOR MALAGASY STUDENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENDING STUDENTS FOR THIS TRAINING.

3. MALAGASY INTEREST IN THIS TYPE OF TRAINING IN U. S. SPURRED BY APPROACH MADE TO MALAGASY AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON BY DIRECTOR, MASSACHUSETTS MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY WHO SUGGESTED GOMR SEND STUDENTS TO HIS INSTITUTION. (IN RESPONSE TO SEPARATE GOMR REQUEST, USIS ATTEMPTED BUT UNABLE TO FIND NAME OF THIS INSTITUTION ON ANY LIST OF ACCREDITED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.)

4. RESPONDING TO EMBASSY' S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATED THAT GOMR HOPES TO MALAGACHIZE MERCHANT SHIPPING NOW LARGELY OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY FRENCH AND FOR THIS REASON NEEDS BOTH BRIDGE AND ENGINE- ROOM TRAINED OFFICERS FOR EMPLOYMENT ON LONG DISTANCE CARGO SHIPS. (GOMR HAS OWN TRAINING SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS OF SMALL COASTAL SHIPS.)

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FOR TRAINING IN U. S. GOMR WOULD SEND CANDIDATES FOLLOWING COMPLETION SECONDARY SCHOOL, I. E., WITHOUT PRIOR TRAINING MERCHANT SHIPPING.

5. ALTHOUGH MALAGASY HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKED USG FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, IT SEEMS FAIRLY OBVIOUS FROM NOTE AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY, THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING FELLOWSHIP POSSIBILITIES.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT OBTAIN DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL ON ACCREDITED MERCHANT MARINE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS TO PASS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON ANY AVAILABLE (USG OR PRIVATE) SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID FOR THIS TYPE OF TRAINING, INCLUDING POSSIBLE FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAMS AT U. S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS. PLEASE VERIFY WHETHER MASSACHUSETTS MARINE ACADEMY IS ACCREDITED INSTITUTION IN ITS FIELD.

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